## Can the Ombudsman Help You?

If you answer "Yes" to three short questions, the process is simple.

Call the Office of the National Ombudsman toll free at (888) REG-FAIR (734-3247), e-mail the Ombudsman at Ombudsman@sba.gov, or download the comment form from the website at <a href="www.sba.gov/ombudsman">www.sba.gov/ombudsman</a>.

When a completed one-page comment form and substantiating documents are received, a determination is made as to whether or not the comment is within the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman. This is done by answering each of the following questions:

- 1. Are you a small-business owner, small government entity, or a small non-profit organization?
- 2. Is your comment about a <u>federal</u> government agency?
- 3. Have you been unfairly or excessively fined or penalized by a <u>federal</u> government agency, or is a federal agency enforcement action imminent?

If the answer is "NO" to any one of the above questions, the comment is not within the jurisdiction of the SBA National Ombudsman.